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## EDITOR SAYS GERMANY WILL 'RUN AMUCK' AT SEA

**Declares If Germany's Proposals Are Refused She Will Have Paid the Last Debt She Owes World and Humanity --Will Proceed To Be More Frightful With Complete Indifference to the Views of Neutrals--No Stars or Stripes Will Protect Ship In War Zone**

London, Feb. 19.—Germany must discard neutral rights in fighting for her own salvation, as the allies soon agree to peace, the Times today quoted Maximilian Harden, a foremost German writer as declaring in Die Zukunft, publication of which has been resumed under government permit.

"If Great Britain yearns for proof that we cannot wound her heart with submarines and aircraft, and if she will not discuss peace until this has been proved," the Times quoted Harden, "the United States must reconcile itself to the conviction that no further hesitation will cripple our submarine warfare and no stars or stripes will protect a ship in the war zone."

He declared Germany would have been content with defensive measures six months ago but that now she dare not wait upon such a course, but instead must pursue an offensive to prevent her own extinction.

In this connection, he wrote that while Germany's economic position is not yet embarrassing, other harvests and fresh supplies of raw materials will become increasingly difficult to obtain if Germany does not reach out for fresh conquests and strike heavily.

"There is still a short space of time in which Germany might come to terms," he said. "These peace offers might include a little disarmament, a little international socialism and a proposal to pool war expenses. If these proposals are refused, Germany will have paid the last debt she owes the world and humanity, and can proceed to be more frightful than ever with complete indifference to the views of neutrals, particularly the United States."

Washington, Feb. 19.—With the Teuton submarine campaign against armed merchantmen effective only ten days hence, the American policy toward this new move assumed definiteness today.

"This will be along the following lines: The United States will ask Germany for assurances that this campaign will not violate the Lusitania or Arabic pledges.

America will maintain the right of merchantmen to arm for defense as heretofore.

She will contend for the right of neutrals and non-combatants to take passage on armed ships.

The administration will not warn Americans not to travel on armed vessels, nor will it declare any inflexible rules governing defensive measures.

This government will not join Sweden or any other neutral nation in a joint protest against the Teuton armed ship decree or against belligerent interference with the rights of neutrals.

In the meantime, state department experts are studying a mass of precedents covering the many international problems involved in the new position of the central powers.

The week end saw a respite in German-American diplomatic negotiations and Ambassador von Bernstorff did not plan to confer again with Secretary of State Lansing, until he has heard from Berlin as to the foreign office position toward America's latest requirements for settlement of submarine differences.

In official circles the belief grew that Germany will postpone operation of her decree. Von Bernstorff is thought to have suggested this to Berlin, though the state department showed clearly it would not ask postponement.

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## FEATS OF GERMAN COMMERCE RAIDER NOT ALL TOLD, SAYS BERG; HAS NO FEAR THAT BRITISH WILL CAPTURE MYSTERIOUS MOEWEL



Captain Hans Berg; only baby on Appam when Germans captured it; Appam at anchor at Hampton Roads; captains of British vessels sunk by German commerce raider.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Lieut. Hans Berg, who with a crew of 22 Germans, brought the captured British liner Appam to Hampton Roads after a voyage of over 3,000 miles from the Canary Islands, talked of the German raider that captured the vessel and the voyage of the Appam. He declined to give a description of the Moewe.

"She is a good vessel," he said. "She is better than the average craft we call freighters. I would feel as safe on her as I would on a cruiser. She cannot be sunk easily and she can fight—oh, she can fight terribly."

"Did you really come through the Kiel canal on the Moewe?" he was asked.

"That, my friend, is a war secret. Do you think a vessel with guns fore and aft, with mines, torpedoes and ammunition of many kinds on board could get by many enemy warships? If you believe it possible to do that, then I will say we came from Kiel. We did not grow in the Atlantic ocean. We did not find guns on the shores around the Canary Islands, and what ammunition we got off captured ships would not

Long Out in the Atlantic.

"We were in the Atlantic long before we sank the seven ships you have heard of. You will hear of others that have gone down from shells fired by the Moewe."

"But don't you think the British fleet will capture and sink the Moewe?"

"They will not know her. She has flown the British flag and passed British warships before. She has told them there were no German ships around. She can give any name she likes. She has no name that they can see."

"If they chase her it will be a fine race. I would like to see it. She will run them perhaps all the way to America. She is so fast she could have captured the Appam if we had advised Captain Harrison 10 miles away that we were coming after him."

"We captured the Appam by fooling the enemy. That is a part of war. We circled around him, saw he was no match for us in a battle and then closed in on him. When a naval

officer ran toward the gun on the Appam, we opened fire on her. But only a few shots were fired.

Fired on Two Ships at Once.

"We had the most excitement on January 11, when we sighted the British steamers Corbridge and Farringford almost at the same time. We decided to take both ships at once, and we started first for the Corbridge. We signalled the vessel to stop and fired at her. We kept our forward guns trained on her and our after guns on the Corbridge. The Corbridge was nearer and we were sure of taking her. The Farringford tried to get away, but we ran her down about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We were dropping shells near the Corbridge all during the chase, and did not stop until she hoisted a signal of surrender."

"We brought both vessels near and sent a boarding party to each. We blew up the Farringford with a few mines. The Corbridge was still afloat when I last saw her. She had a good supply of coal and we needed it."

"The capture of the other steamers was not important. We were disappointed in most of them and lost one of the ships we wanted most."

## WILL STIR UP ENGLAND

Washington, Feb. 19.—The state department admitted today it is considering sending England a "reminder" that she has not answered the American protest against mail seizures. It was explained, however, that the "reminder" would contain no hint of a time limit within which to answer the American objection. Instead it will merely urge that a prompt reply be made, and it will point out that seizures continue, to be annoyance of this government.

## GERMANS TAKEN FROM AMERICAN SHIP CHINA

If Report Is True England May Be Made To Remember 1812

Washington, Feb. 19.—A British battleship stopped the liner China off the coast of Japan and seized 38 passengers, mostly second class, according to a report of the Shanghai agent of the company to its San Francisco office, which was telegraphed to the state department today.

Flew the American Flag.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Reports that a warship had stopped the liner China, flying the American flag, off the coast of Japan and had seized a number of German refugees on board who were en route to America, reached the China Mail Steamship company today, according to A. M. Gurnand, a high official of the company.

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## ASTORIA IS GIVEN TERMINAL RATES SAME AS SEATTLE

Commission Holds Undue Discrimination Made Against Oregon Port

LOW RAIL RATES GAVE  
SOUND BIG ADVANTAGE

This Was Special Inducement  
to Make Ocean Liners  
Pass Up Astoria

Washington, Feb. 19.—Rates between Pacific coast cities and the inland Empire of eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho will undergo sweeping revision as the result of today's interstate commerce commission decision upholding the complaint of Astoria, Ore., against the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway and other lines.

Undue discrimination was found to exist in favor of Puget Sound ports under the existing rates, and the decision places Astoria on a rate parity with Seattle and Tacoma.

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## INCENDIARIES ARE BUSY

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 19.—The \$10,000,000 plant of the new Dupont Federal Dyestuff and Chemical company at Kingsport was reported to have caught fire from incendiary causes early today, and to have been damaged to the extent of \$500,000. The plant was engaged in making picric acid, a constituent of explosives.

## WAR WITH GERMANY IS ROOT'S SUGGESTION

Senator Lewis Exposes Hypocrisy of New York Senator

Washington, Feb. 19.—Addressing the senate on the "hypocrisy of statesmanship," Senator Lewis today answered the recent criticism of the administration made by ex-Senator Elihu Root. He declared the New Yorker's assault on President Wilson as a "weak and impotent" executive was unnecessary and lacking in sincerity.

"Concerning Germany, Root said that we need a president who will appeal to something other than words," said Lewis. "What else is possible? Only war."

"If the issue is that President Wilson has not gone to war, let him say so. If he plans to elect a president under the covert purpose of war against Germany, I will expose that hypocrisy."

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## PREPARING FOR DRIVE ON CONSTANTINOPLE

**Russians Land Troops Near Trebizond On Black Sea— Forces Will March West to Join Army From Erzerum --Grand Duke Nicholas Plans Aggressive Armenian Campaign--Will Either March On Constantinople Or Join British In Mesopotamia**

London, Feb. 19.—Under protection of warships, Russian troops are landing 70 miles east of Trebizond, a Turkish Black sea port. Only feeble resistance has greeted them.

Petrograd advices indicate that these forces will move westward to join the troops released for other service by the fall of Erzerum, and now heading for Trebizond. Inasmuch as Trebizond is poorly fortified, the joint expedition probably will encounter no serious resistance.

The landing parties were transported from Batum where they have been held in readiness for several months. The fact that they were not used before leads to the belief that Grand Duke Nicholas commands more men than had been supposed and that he now plans an aggressive Armenian campaign, a move toward Constantinople or a junction with the British in Mesopotamia. If the latter plan is the one in mind, it is expected the Russians will go to Diarbekr, 140 miles southwest of Erzerum.

It is believed that not more than 30,000 Turks were captured at Erzerum, though this total will be swelled if the retreat from that city becomes more confused. The defenders abandoned heavy artillery after unsuccessfully attempting to destroy some of it.

Last night's Petrograd official statement said "the forts in the fortress itself and in the surrounding country are full of Turkish dead," and claimed that already 200 guns had been counted, not to mention large quantities of other booty.

English Repulsed.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—New English attempts last night to recapture lost ground southeast of Ypres were repulsed, said the war office statement today.

Southwest of Altkirch, the Germans penetrated and destroyed defense works and took some prisoners.

Austrians Surround Durazzo.

Vienna, Feb. 19.—The Austrians have surrounded Durazzo; Albanian seaport city and the surrender of the few thousand Albanian insurgents inside the town is expected hourly. No Italians are believed to be among the defenders.

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